

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Renewal of the Covenant (pt 2)
(Exodus 32-34)

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Unreconciled Tension:

- God's desire to restore His kingdom to His own people, and yet...
- The impossibility of this restoration due to His holiness and His people's sin

The Necessity of God's Mercy!

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Moses' Request

Q: What did Moses ask for?

- to see the visible manifestation of God's presence with His people

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Moses' Request

Q: Why did Moses ask for this?

- as a confirmation and assurance of God's promise to dwell amongst them

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God's Response

➤ *He granted Moses' request and far exceeded it*

- He promised to show Moses His glory (visible presence)
- He promised to reveal His essential character ("*proclaim the name Yahweh*")

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The Proclamation of His Name

➤ *He magnifies the abundance of His mercy!*

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The Proclamation of His Name

1. Preliminary/Foundational

- God does show mercy and compassion
- God shows mercy to whom He pleases apart from any constraint originating outside His own will

This is the essence of what it means to be God

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2. Self-Proclamation

- abounding in loyal love
- compassionate and gracious
- slow to anger
- keeps steadfast love
- forgives iniquity, transgression, sin
- punishes the guilty???

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Contradiction in God?

➤ *Two Answers*

1. Two categories of people in view

- the guilty/unforgiven = those who are unrepentant and “hate” God
- the forgiven = those who are repentant and love God

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2. The death of Jesus

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Conclusion

➤ *The truth of God's unconditional, abundant mercy leads to...*

1. Hope for the worst of sinners
2. Humility for the best of saints